

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Title of Programme

Master of Studies in Islamic Studies and History

Brief note about nature of change: New programme of study

Effective date

For students starting in Michaelmas Term 2015

For first examination from 2015-16

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2014

Detail of change

1 p. 544, after l. 5 insert:

'Islamic Studies and History Oriental Studies'.

2 p. 646, after l. 27 insert:

'Islamic Studies and History

1. Candidates for the MSt in Islamic Studies and History must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction and directed research and must, upon entering the examination, produce from their society a certificate to that effect.

2. Candidates must attend such lectures, seminars, classes and language classes as the convenors of the course shall determine, and must undertake any language tests set by the language teachers.

The final examination consists of the following four units, which all candidates must take:

(i) and (ii) Two optional papers chosen from the MPhil in Islamic Studies and History. Tuition for each of these two papers will take place either in Michaelmas or Hilary Term.

(iii) A prescribed take-home essay on methods and research materials related to one of the subjects studied under (i) and (ii). A choice of essay questions will be published by the examiners by noon on Friday of Week 4 of Hilary Term. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to collect or access the questions. They will be required to select one question from this paper, and prepare an essay of up to 4,000 words (excluding bibliography). Candidates must submit two typewritten copies of this essay in a sealed envelope addressed to the Chairman of the Examiners of the M.St. in Islamic Studies and History, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG, by noon on Friday of Week 8 of the Hilary Term. The work must bear the candidates examination number (but not the candidates' name.) Candidates must include a signed declaration sealed in an envelope addressed to the Chair of Examiners that the work is the candidates own.

(iv) A thesis of no more than 15,000 words (excluding bibliography), or two essays of no more than 6,000 words (excluding bibliography), on a topic (or topics) selected in consultation with the candidate's supervisor and approved by the Faculty Board. Candidates must submit the title of their thesis or two essays to the Faculty Office for approval by Monday of Week 0 of Hilary Term. Candidates are required to submit two typewritten copies, and an electronic copy in PDF format in a memory stick or CD, of the dissertation or essay to the Chairman of the Examiners, at the address above, by noon on Friday of Week 4 of Trinity Term.

3. Candidate must submit their option papers titles for Units (i) and (ii) to the Faculty office by Monday of Week 2 of Michaelmas Term.

4. The examiners may award a Distinction to candidates who have performed with special merit in the whole examination.

5. The examiners may examine any candidate by *viva voce*.'

Explanatory Notes

N/A